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NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



Let It Snow!

Alumni of a certain era will remember “Sagabogganing.” The 2022 version of “snow mobile” might be different, but the principle (and the fun) is the same.

We hope you’re enjoying some smooth sledding this winter. Hang on; spring is coming! Stay in touch and stay informed by reading our news.

It’s our pleasure to share it with you.

NEWS



COME FOR PRAYER

ORU's Early Morning Prayer group meets from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays in the Global Learning Center's Lippencott Auditorium. Everyone is invited.

ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION: VOTE!

By now, all ORU graduates should have received an e-mail with a link to the Alumni Board Election ballot. The deadline to vote is 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Monday, February 28. If you did not receive an e-mail, please contact us now at 918.495.6610 or at alumni@oru.edu.



2022 ALUMNI AWARDS

Just a reminder: Nominations for the 2022 Alumni Awards must be submitted by Monday, February 28. Click on the button to learn more about the categories and to make your nomination(s). Nominations made after the deadline will be considered for the 2023 awards.

ALUMNI AWARDS

DR. KORSTAD RETIREMENT RECEPTION

He arrived at ORU in 1980 and has been a major influence on scores of students ever since. Not just students who studied Biology, but those in the Honors Program—for which he served as the original director and today, as the Networking Coordinator. Now, after more than 41 years, Dr. John Korstad is retiring. Colleagues and friends are planning a retirement reception that will take place on April 23. More details will be shared as they become available.



Dr. John Korstad

EVENTS

SOULS A'FIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Some things just get better with age, and some memories grow sweeter with time. Our appreciation of Souls A'Fire—past and present—goes on and on. Can you believe this one-of-a-kind gospel group is celebrating its 50th anniversary? All of the Souls alumni out there are invited to come to ORU on February 18 and 19 and join current group members for some events to mark this milestone.



RSVP LINK



SCHOLARSHIP DINNER REIMAGINED

The Alumni Association Board of Directors decided that for this year, it would be best to switch from an in-person dinner to a Student Scholarship Giving Day on February 17. You can make a life-changing impact on students by contributing to the scholarship fund.

SCHOLARSHIP GIFT

ONE OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

The ORU campus will soon be alive with “The Sound of Music” as our talented actors take to the stage in Howard Auditorium. Show dates are March 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. and March 6 at 2 p.m.



SOUND OF MUSIC TICKETS



SEEKING FUTURE STUDENTS

ORU is always on the lookout for students who want a Spirit-empowered education like no other. To help prospective students learn more about what ORU has to offer, several special events will be taking place this spring: an **Exclusive Homeschool Student Event** (March 9), **Quest Day** (March 11 and April 1), and an **Exclusive First Generation College Student Event** (March 25). ORU will also hold an **International Virtual Quest Event** on March 23.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENTS

ALUMNI

Aba Hammond '14 is serving as the 2022 Chair of TYPROS (Tulsa's Young Professionals). Founded in 2005, TYPROS is an organization that was created to attract and retain young, creative talent to the Tulsa region and develop the next generation of leaders. Its mission also includes "making Tulsa an awesome city for young professionals"—a great place in which to live, work, and play.



Aba Hammond '14

ABA'S ROLE



Jeff Lippencott '87

Award-winning Ah2 Music, the production company founded in 2003 by **Jeff Lippencott '87** and his business partner and fellow composer, Mark T. Williams, has a new partnership with BMG Production Music. It will give Ah2 global (outside the U.S.) representation of its production music catalog, which contains thousands of unique compositions, along with offering other benefits to the company and its founders.

AH2'S DEAL

Johnathan Logan '04, the vice president for community engagement at the Marin Community Foundation, has recently become an associate board member of the Redwood Credit Union's board of directors. RCU is based in Santa Rosa, California.



Johnathan Logan '04

RCU POST



Dr. Glenda Payas '86

Dental school graduate **Dr. Glenda Payas '86** has been recognized by Wayland Baptist University with the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award. She is a 1969 graduate of WBU. The award is being presented at WBU's Homecoming banquet on February 18. Dr. Payas received ORU's Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to the Alma Mater in 2001. She is also a former regent and trustee of ORU, and served as Chair of the Alumni Board in 1992.

GLENDA'S AWARD

Brandon Andrews '08 says that “meeting a need” is the key to launching a successful business. As a business creator, consultant, commentator, and leader involved in nationwide engagement campaigns, he speaks from experience when he talks about what it takes to become an entrepreneur.



Brandon Andrews '08

BRANDON'S STORY



Dr. Gregory Miller '85

Dr. Gregory Miller '85 will become the 14th president of Malone University in Canton, Ohio, on July 1. Most recently, he had served as provost at Malone. In 22 years with the university, he has also been a professor and department chair, director of general education, and associate provost.

NEW PRESIDENT

ATHLETICS

'SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR'

Known as ORU Athletics' “Voice of the Golden Eagles,” Adam Hildebrandt has been named the 2021 National Sports Media Association Oklahoma Sportscaster of the Year. He has been with the Golden Eagles since August 2016 and is currently the lead broadcaster for the ORU Sports Network. It's his voice you hear on all ORU men's basketball and baseball broadcasts.



Adam Hildebrandt

ADAM'S AWARD



COMING IN FIRST

Three Golden Eagles took first place in their events at the recent Jayhawk Classic in Lawrence, Kansas. Brad Dormeus won the 200-meter title, Gabrielle Gibson finished first in the 60-meter hurdles, and Adrena Mazzei outran her competition in the 800-meter run.

FIRST PLACE

THEY GET OUR VOTE

ORU Baseball received votes in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Preseason Poll. This is the second nationally recognized poll in which ORU has appeared before the 2022 season has even begun—and ORU is the only Summit League program represented in the poll. ORU also received votes in the *Collegiate Baseball* preseason poll. ORU's first pitch of the 2022 season will be thrown on February 18 in Mobile, Alabama.



BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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Support ORU when you shop on Amazon. Go to [this page](#) to learn how to select ORU as your preferred nonprofit via the **AmazonSmile** program.

ORU's Development and Alumni Relations office has gone paperless. That means when you make a gift to ORU, your receipt will come via e-mail. You can still choose a paper receipt, though, by filling out [this form](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

A Capital Markets Trading Floor and a student-managed investment fund are two of the innovations that are coming to the [Fenimore Fisher Graduate School of Business](#). There will also be a Practicum in Portfolio Management. Exciting times in the College of Business!

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